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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING APRIL 4

REF: (A) SECTO 03079, (B) CAPE TOWN 0651, (C) USUN 1211,
(D) STATE 83701, (E) CAPE TOWN 626,
(F) USUN 1144, (G) USUN 1217

1. SUMMARY. CONTACT GROUP MET AM APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS
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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONCERNING NAMIBIA: RESPONSE TO
SWAPO ON WALVIS BAY; PARTICIPATION IN KAPUWO FUNERAL
SERVICES; TALKING POINTS ON SWAPO "TAKE-OVER PLAN";
AND SCENARIO FOR SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF
NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.
2. WALVIS BAY AND SWAPO:

PER NILES/GRAHAM TELCON, MISOFF UPDATED FOR CG APRIL 4
US PROPOSAL ON A RESPONSE TO SWAPO ON WALVIS BAY AS
FOLLOWS:

- IN ANSWER TO SWAPO'S QUESTION TO US ON WALVIS BAY,
- US NOW PREPARED TO RESPOND TO SWAPO USING LANGUAGE
- GIVEN IN PARA 2 REF A AS AMENDED REF B; HOWEVER, US
- WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO SWAPO THAT, IN CONTEXT OF
- SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF OVERALL PROPOSALS, US WOULD
- BE WILLING TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT ONLY "AT AN
- APPROPRIATE TIME" WITH RESPECT TO ONGOING DIPLO-
- MATIC ACTIVITY.

- US HAD AGREED ON THIS STRATEGY AT HIGHEST LEVELS
- AND HAD INFORMED FL AND NIGERIA THAT US PREPARED
- TO MOVE AHEAD. US HOPED OTHER FOUR WOULD JOIN US
- IN THE APPROACH TO SWAPO BUT, IN ANY CASE, US WAS
- PREPARED TO MOVE ALONE.

3. FOUR SAID THAT ADDITION OF WORDS "AT AN APPROPRIATE
TIME" WENT FAR TOWARD MEETING THEIR CONCERNS OF YESTER-
DAY (REF C). THEY WERE STILL CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT
AN INITIAL PRIVATE RESPONSE TO SWAPO WOULD LEAK
TO SOUTH AFRICANS, THUS CREATING RISK OF UNDERMINING
WHATEVER CHANCES EXISTED FOR SAG ACCEPTANCE OF PROPO-
SALS. FOUR TOYED BRIEFLY WITH IDEA OF LETTING US
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PROCEED UNILATERALLY. CANADA AND UK EXPRESSED DISCON-
TENT WITH US LACK OF PRIOR CONSULTATION ON THIS MATTER.
IN THE END, HOWEVER, FOUR SEEMED TO FIND LITTLE VIABLE
ALTERNATIVE TO JOINING US INITIATIVE, ALBEIT WITH
MISGIVINGS. FOUR WILL SEEK TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON
THIS POINT IN TIME FOR NEXT CG MEETING AT 11:00 APRIL 5.
US SIDE PROMISED TO HOLD OFF ANY APPROACH TO SWAPO
UNTIL THAT TIME. ON ENDING DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT,
UK HOPED WASHINGTON WOULD REFLECT ON POSSIBILITY OF
INFORMING SAG OF OUR RESPONSE TO SWAPO. UK RECOGNIZED,
HOWEVER, THAT FIVE "HAVE IN THE PAST GIVEN SAG PRIVATE
ASSURANCES" WITHOUT INFORMING SWAPO.

4. KAPUWO FUNERAL SERVICES:

CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CAPE TOWN
FIVE SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KAPUWO
FUNERAL SERVICES AND AT WHAT LEVEL. THE CANADIANS
ADVISED THAT THEY HAD DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND.

5. TALKING POINTS ON SWAPO "TAKE-OVER PLAN":

CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO DEPARTMENT'S POSITION (REF D)
THAT

CAPE TOWN FIVE SHOULD USE ON "IF ASKED" BASIS ONLY
TALKING POINTS CONSISTING OF POINTS C AND D OF PARA 5
OF REF F PRECEDED BY STATEMENT PROPOSED IN PARA 2 OF
REF E.

6. CONTACT GROUP'S FINAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WAS
SCENARIO FOR SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA.
NONE OF THE FIVE HAD RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM CAPITALS
REGARDING UKUN DISCUSSION PAPER ON STRATEGY IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL (REF G), SO CG DISCUSSED TIMING ONLY.
BOTH UK AND CANADA EXPRESSED INITIAL HESITATION ABOUT
PROCEEDING TO SECURITY COUNCIL IN ABSENCE OF REACTIONS
FROM EITHER SWAPO OR SOUTH AFRICA. WE RESPONDED THAT
EARLY SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION WOULD BE NECESSARY
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RO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SWAPO AND
SOUTH AFRICA FOR FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO WESTERN FIVE
PROPOSAL. FRANCE EXPRESSED FIRM CONVICTION THAT MATTER
SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRIOR TO SPECIAL
SESSION. IN RESPONSE TO US INSISTENCE THAT SECURITY
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BEGIN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 10, CG

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AGREED TO PROPOSE TO CAPITALS FOLLOWING SCENARIO:

- (A) APRIL 10: WESTERN FIVE TRANSMIT TO SECURITY
COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER REQUESTING MEETING ON NAMIBIA
AND TEXT OF PROPOSAL FOR CIRCULATION TO SC MEMBERS.

- (B) APRIL 11 OR 12: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.

- (C) LATER IN WEEK OF APRIL 10: FORMAL SECURITY
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COUNCIL MEETINGS COMMENCE.

7. CG PLANS TO DISCUSS TIMING AND STRATEGY OF
SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FURTHER AM APRIL 5.
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